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In re patent application of:

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For: A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR ANGIOTENSIN II-MEDIATED DISEASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20 and add the new claims as follows:

-21. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of angiotensin II-mediated disease in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering an effective amount of at least one of

(\pm)-1-(cyclohexyloxycarbonyloxy)ethyl 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylate,

2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, or

2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in combination with an effective amount of furosemide.

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22. A method according to claim 1, wherein the disease is hypertension, cardiac insufficiency, ischemic peripheral circulation disorders, myocardial ischemia, vein insufficiency, progressive cardiac insufficiency after myocardial infarction, diabetic nephritides, nephritis, arteriosclerosis, hyperaldosteronism, dermatosclerosis, glomerulosclerosis, renal insufficiency, central nervous system diseases, sensory disorders, Alzheimer's disease, deficiency of memory, depression, amnesia, senile dementia, anxiety neurosis, catatonia or indisposition, glaucoma, or intraocular high pressure.

23. A method according to claim 1, wherein the disease is hypertension.--

REMARKS

The original claims have been canceled. New claims 21-23 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found generally throughout the specification as originally filed, e.g., original claim 20 and on pages 16-17, page 20, lines 5-33 and page 28, example 6. Entry of the new claims is requested prior to examination on the merits.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 21-23 will be pending in this application.

An favorable action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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